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Applicants: Shunji MAEDA et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within a two-month time period subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed December 4, 2003. A credit card payment form in the amount of \$310.00 (\$420.00 less \$110.00 for one month extension previously paid on March 31, 2004) to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (500.37149X00) and any excess fees credited to that account.

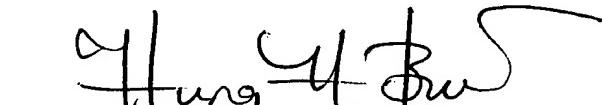
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